

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 27 as follows:

1-26. (Cancelled).

27. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a first substrate having thereon a pixel electrode and an active element;

a second substrate having thereon an opposed electrode; and

a liquid crystal layer interposed between said first and second substrates with said electrodes facing each other,

wherein a first orientation control element extending in a nonparallel direction relative to an extending direction of an edge of said pixel electrode and a second orientation control element extending in a parallel direction relative to an extending direction of said edge are provided on at least one of said first and second substrates, and

said second orientation control element is constituted by an assembly of plural orientation control elements having directivity in the same direction in a direction of the substrate's plane surface.

28. (Original) The device according to claim 27, wherein said second orientation control element is formed to extend in an outer direction from said first

orientation control element which is adjacent to said second orientation control element on the same substrate.

29. (Original) The device according to claim 27, wherein at least one of said first and second orientation control elements is a slit formed in said pixel electrode or said opposed electrode.

30. (Original) The device according to claim 27, wherein at least one of said first and second orientation control elements is a protrusion formed on said pixel electrode or said opposed electrode.

31. (Original) The device according to claim 27, wherein a dielectric anisotropy of said liquid crystal molecules of said liquid crystal layer is negative.

32-33. (Cancelled)